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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

REFERENCE : Your memorandum dated 3 December 1955 with attachment

1. There is enclosed herewith [REDACTED] reply to the charges set forth in the attachment to referenced memorandum. My own comments concerning the charges and [REDACTED] reply follow:

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a) Charge one. The facts stated by [REDACTED] are correct. The move in question was effected at my order for the reasons given. I believe it unnecessary to submit justification beyond the fact that I deemed the move necessary in order to provide adequate facilities for a supplementary school program.

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b) Charge two. Again the facts as set forth by [REDACTED] are correct. The enclosed transcript of [REDACTED] remarks was available in my office. I do not consider that the characterization of these remarks as "language typical of barracks or stag parties" is warranted. It had previously been decided that, on balance, it would be better to include all single women at the Base in the meeting rather than in effect to prefer charges against specific individuals by selecting them for attendance. It should be emphasized that security, not moral conduct, was the subject of the meeting. Quite naturally, the statements made did give offense to some of the members of the group addressed. Three of these, representing themselves and certain other single women, requested a meeting with me and registered their complaint. I assured them that no implications concerning their moral conduct had been intended by [REDACTED] and that I feared that the principal point of the meeting, security, had become obscured. They appeared to be satisfied with the results of this meeting and presumably reported it to their group. The issue appeared to be closed. At no time were any threats of resignation made to me or reported to me.

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2. In the case of both charges, the facts set forth above were available at [REDACTED] at the time that the

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reporting representatives were there. Although the subject of their survey was [REDACTED] (Office of Communications), it seems nevertheless unfortunate that, to the extent that their reports dealt with [REDACTED] actions and personnel, no attempt was made to verify the allegations with Chief, [REDACTED] or with [REDACTED] himself.

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